

PATENT

Atty. Dkt. No. SAR 13733

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated April 21, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 21, 2005. In the Office Action, the Examiner notes claims 1-27 are pending, claims 12-27 are allowed and claims 1-11 are rejected. Claims 1-11 have been cancelled. Thus, all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

I. Rejection of Claim 1 Under 35 USC § 102(b)

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Bergen et al. (W.O. 98/21688) ("Bergen"). Applicants have cancelled claim 1. Thus, this rejection is now moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

II. Rejection of Claims 1, 10 and 11 Under 35 USC § 102(e)

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Courtney (U.S. Patent No. 5,969,755) ("Courtney"). Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 10 and 11. Thus, this rejection is now moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

III. Rejection of Claims 2 - 4 Under 35 USC § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 2 - 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bergen in view of Brodersen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,453,459) ("Brodersen"). Applicants have cancelled claims 2 - 4. Thus, this rejection is now moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

IV. Rejection of Claims 5 - 9 Under 35 USC § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 5 - 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bergen in view of Kenner et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,956,716) ("Kenner"). Applicants have cancelled claims 5 - 9. Thus, this rejection is now moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

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V. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 12 - 27.

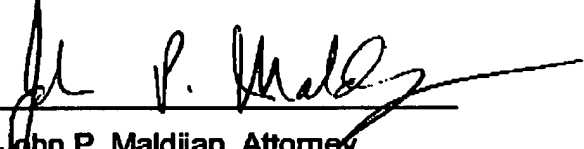
CONCLUSION

Applicants submit all pending claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes there are any unresolved issues requiring the issuance of a final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested the Examiner telephone Mr. John P. Maldjian, Esq. at (732) 935-7100 so appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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